



Dear Parent / Carer,

Happy New Year!

I hope that you and your family have had an enjoyable break over the festive period.

On behalf of all of my colleagues here at Harris Academy, I wish you a healthy and happy 2023.

Course Choice Information Evening (S3, S4 and S5) and Careers Fayre

Earlier this week, I wrote to all parents / carers of S3, S4 and S5, inviting them and their young person to the above event. A copy of the invite can be found [here](#)

I would like to extend the invite to our S1, S2 and S6 families to visit our Careers Fayre from 7 – 8.30pm. This section of the evening will see over 40 partners from universities, colleges, training providers and employers be in attendance.

Please note, that due to the building work for our extension, there is no car parking available in the school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

S2 PARENT / CARER EVENING

Tuesday 17th January

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 17th January

COURSE CHOICE INFORMATION EVENING (CURRENT S3, S4 AND S5) AND CAREER FAYRE

Thursday 19th January

S1 PARENT / CARER EVENING

Monday 23rd January

COURSE CHOICE INFORMATION EVENING (CURRENT S2)

Tuesday 24th January

S4 – S6 FORMAL ASSESSMENTS

Tues 24th January – Fri 3rd February

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Monday 30th January





Formal Assessment Block and Study Leave (S4 – S6)

Our formal assessments will begin the week beginning the 23rd of January. All pupils who are sitting Adv Higher, Higher or National 5 English will sit one paper during their timetabled class on either the 24th or 25th of January. This is to help with the exam load for our young people over the assessment block.

Study leave for all pupils who are sitting at least one National 5 course or above (including any college course at level 5) will begin on **Thursday 26th of January**. Pupils who are following a curriculum at level 3 and/or 4 should attend their timetabled classes as normal as they have no exams at all to prepare for.

Pupils will attend an assembly on Monday morning to be informed of the assessment arrangements and will be issued with a blank timetable which will allow all pupils to mark their personal timetable throughout the course of the week once their class teacher confirms where and when their exam will take place. Any pupil who has an AAR arrangement will be informed by their class teacher where these assessments will take place.

For information, a copy of our Formal Assessment timetable can be accessed [here](#)

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S2 Parent / Carer Evening

A reminder that our S2 Parent and Carer evening will be taking place next Tuesday (the 17th of January) in the school building. The online booking system is now live, and parents should have received an email explaining the log in process. If you have any issues logging in or making appointments, please contact the school office.

At the end of the evening (7pm), there will be a short 10-minute presentation on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in the tiered seating area, everyone is welcome to attend. If this falls outside your appointment times and you would like to receive some information on the UNCRC please contact myself via the school office for further correspondence. I look forward to seeing you there.

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S1 Parent / Carer Evening

Our S1 Parent / Carer evening will take place on Monday 23rd of January. The online booking system via SchoolCloud will go live on Wednesday the 18th of January at 9am, further correspondence will be emailed to parents and carers before the system goes live. These evenings provide an excellent opportunity to speak with your young person's teachers about their progress and I look forward to seeing you there.

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Parent Council

Our next Parent Council meeting takes place on Tuesday (17th) evening, starting at 7pm in the school staff room. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

This meeting tails on to the end of our S2 parent/carers contact evening and therefore may be a good opportunity for some new attendees to come along and either listen in or contribute.

UNCRC presentation

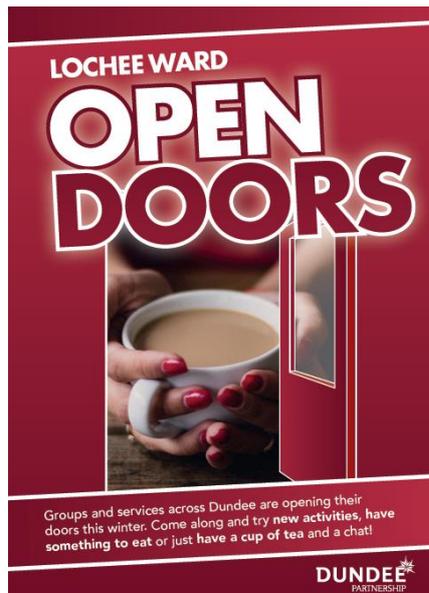
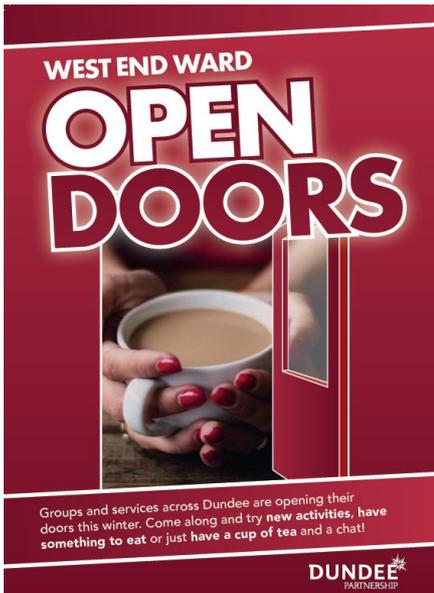
An awareness of children's rights and the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is important for all parents, carers and family members. We are delivering a short presentation which will introduce children's rights and the UNCRC on Tuesday the 17th of January. This will take place at 7pm at the end of our S2 parent and carer contact evening, and just before our Parent Council meeting, it would be great to see you there. If you can't make the presentation and would like to hear more about the UNCRC please feel free to contact myself via the school office for further correspondence.





Warm Spaces

Dundee City Council are promoting warm spaces for members of our communities to access during the winter. For more information, please click on the poster below for relevant spaces in our school's locality.





Harris Pledge: Experiences

As part of the Harris Pledge, we have increased the number of groups/clubs available to our young people. Our S6 Wider Achievement ambassadors have created a short video which highlights some of the groups on offer, you can find the video here - <http://harrisacademy.ea.dundecity.sch.uk/wider-achievement>

From 16th January onwards, each club will be displayed at the top of the Daily Sheet for all young people. Please find below our offering of extra-curricular groups and clubs. If your young person is interested, please ask them to speak to the staff member responsible for the group.



The Harris Pledge: Experiences

Monday				
Cosy Café	S1	Junior Lunchtime	Home Economics	Miss Milne
STEM Club	S1 one week S2+3 next week	Junior Lunchtime	4214 (Science)	Miss Hill
Scripture Union	S1-S3	Junior Lunchtime	4101 (RMPS)	Mrs McEleny
Careers Drop-in	S1-S3	Junior Lunchtime	3206 (Careers Office)	Careers Advisors
Eco Schools	S4-S6	Senior Lunchtime	Science Open Space	Mrs McLagan
Scripture Union	S4-S6	Senior Lunchtime	4101 (RMPS)	Mrs McEleny
Rugby	S1-S2	After School	Small Gym	Mr Cunningham
Netball	S1-S6	After School	Games Hall	Miss Smith
Missfits	S1-S6 Girls	After School	PE Department	Mrs Dorward



The Harris Pledge: Experiences

Tuesday				
Singing Group	S1-S3	Junior Lunchtime	1308 (Music)	Mrs McEleny
Code Club	S1-S3	Junior Lunchtime	4305 (Computing)	Mr Daldry
Eco Schools	S1-S3	Junior Lunchtime	Science Open Space	Mrs McLagan
Senior Rock Band	S4-S6	Senior Lunchtime	1308 (Music)	Mrs Short
Art Club	S4-S6	Senior Lunchtime	1410 (Art)	Ms McCormack
Varsity Cup	S4-S6	Senior Lunchtime	Games Hall	Active Schools
Velocity Dance Group	S1-S6	After School	Dance Studio	Miss Smith
Senior Drama Club	S4-S6	After School	Drama Studio	Ms McTavish
Homework Club	S1-S3	After School	2109 (English) then the Library	Mrs Kelly
Badminton	S1-S6	After School	Games Hall	Miss Craig



The Harris Pledge: Experiences

Wednesday				
Percussion Group	S1-S3	Junior Lunchtime	1315 (Music)	Mr Haxton
LGBTQ+ Group	S1-S3	Junior Lunchtime	4102 (RMPS)	Miss Jessop
Drama Club	S1-S3	Junior Lunchtime	Drama Studio	Ms McTavish
Senior Singers	S4-S6	Senior Lunchtime	1314 (Music)	Mrs Short
Interact Group	S4-S6	After School	PE Department	Mrs Dorward
Table Tennis	S1-S6	After School	Small Gym	Dundee Table Tennis Association
Homework Club	S1-S3	After School	2103 (English)	Ms Thompson
Young Engineers	S1-S3	After School	1107 (Technical)	Mr McArtney
English Club	S1-S6	After School	2101 (English)	Miss Quinn



The Harris Pledge: Experiences

Thursday				
Futsal	S2 until 16 th Feb S1 from 23 rd Feb	Junior Lunchtime	Small Gym	Active Schools
Basketball	S1-S3	Junior Lunchtime	Games Hall	Active Schools
Junior Debate Club	S1-S3	Junior Lunchtime	4108 (Modern Studies)	Miss McEwan
Senior Rock Band	S4-S6	Senior Lunchtime	1314 (Music)	Mrs Short
Senior Study Group	S4-S6	Senior Lunchtime	4306 (Computing)	Miss Hunter
Careers Drop-in	S4-S6	Senior Lunchtime	3206 (Careers Office)	Careers Advisors
Velocity Dance Group	S1-S6	After School	Dance Studio	Miss Smith
Basketball	S1-S6	After School	Games Hall	Mrs Dorward
Running	S1-S6	After School	PE Department	Mr MacDonald



The Harris Pledge: Experiences

Friday				
Geography Club	S1-S3	Junior Lunchtime	4111 (Geography)	Miss Quirk
Junior Rock Band	S1-S3	Junior Lunchtime	1315 (Music)	Mr Haxton & Mrs Robinson
LEGO Club	S1-S3	Junior Lunchtime	Science	Mr Anderson
Senior Debate Club	S4-S6	Senior Lunchtime	English	Mr Brady
S1 Football Team	S1	After School	Games Hall	Mr Higgins

Mr Kieran Haxton
Principal Teacher of Wider Achievement

